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For : **OPTICAL MODULATION ELEMENT AND PROJECTION  
APPARATUS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (9) and (10) as follows:

(9) (amended) An element according to claim 1, wherein pixels each formed  
from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(10) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element  
for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical  
modulation element of Claim 1.

Please add new claims(11) through (19) as follows:

(11) (amended) An element according to claim 3, wherein pixels each formed  
from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(12) (amended) An element according to claim 5, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(13) (amended) An element according to claim 6, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(14) (amended) An element according to claim 8, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(15) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 3.

(16) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 5.

(17) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 6.

(18) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 9.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to conform with United States claim drafting criteria and eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500,k Order No. 1232-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

(9) (amended) An element according to [any one of claims 1 to 8,] claim 1, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(10) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of [any one of claims 1 to 9] Claim 1.